

**Michigan's State Planning Project for the Uninsured**

**PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

- 1) Who are the uninsured in your community?
- 2) Why are they uninsured?  
Follow-up: How has the increasing cost for health insurance coverage impacted individuals, families, employers? How has your community been impacted by the cost of health care and health insurance?
- 3) Who are the "players" in the covering the uninsured issue?  
Follow-up: What role should the following play in covering the uninsured in your community?
  - a. Individuals
  - b. Employers
  - c. Insurance companies
  - d. Local/county government
  - e. State government
  - f. Federal government
- 4) Who should pay for health insurance?  
Follow-up:
  - a. Should all individuals/families be required to purchase their own health insurance, with subsidies for low-income individuals/families?
  - b. Should employers be required to offer health insurance to their employees, with subsidies for small employers?
  - c. Should employers be required to offer health insurance to their employees' dependents?
  - d. Should government provide health care to all citizens? If so, which level of government? How should that be funded?
  - e. Should the responsibility of providing funding for and access to health insurance be shared? If so, by which entities? What percentage of the responsibility should be shouldered by each entity?
- 5) How has the issue of the lack of health insurance affected your community?  
Follow-up: What has been the impact of the following on this community:
  - a) The increasing number of uninsured?
  - b) Underinsurance (reduction in benefits, dependent coverage, co-pays, etc)
  - c) The cost of health insurance and health care
  - d) The availability of or access to health care (or lack thereof)
- 6) What is happening in your community to address or assist those without health insurance?